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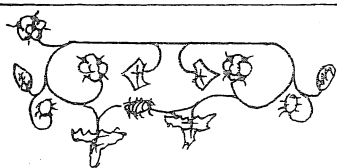
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### A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

Some of you may have noticed that this edition of the Alcester Grammar School "Record" has been somewhat late in its arrival (a small matter of two years' delay). For this the Editors can but offer their most sincere apologies for the lapse, and invoke the ancient and traditional excuse of "circumstances beyond their control"!

Please note that two years' magazines are contained within one cover in this edition. Anyone interested in submitting articles for future magazines, or in becoming an editor, is advised to see Mr. K.A.Johnson.

The Editors

### BASKET TENNIS

When I first came to AGS I was introduced to many different sports and P.E. activities. Take, for example, basketball, for which I didn't even know the rules. For a bit of practice one lunchtime I borrowed a basketball from Mr. Cowell, and then my friend and I went onto the basketball court to practise shooting. Suddenly, along came some sixth-formers and kicked us off, because they wanted to play football!

Alan and I were stuck - where else could we go? There was a free tennis court so we practised dribbling (the ball) on there, but after a while it got boring. To make it a bit more exciting we dribbled it five times then threw it over the net to each other. This went on for ages, then two more people came along and we had a game of doubles. That is how we invented the game "basket tennis". As we went along with the game, some more rules developed, so if you are interested, read on.

#### BASKET TENNIS RULES:

1. No more than five bounces allowed.
2. When thrown across the net, ball must land in the court.
3. When playing doubles if one person throws the ball to the other and it doesn't bounce it is recorded as one bounce.
4. Must not throw the ball from a decided short range.
5. Once it has bounced 5 times on your side it is the opponents' point.
6. If it is thrown out of the court by you or someone from your team it is the opposition's point.
7. The winner/winning team is the one who first reaches 10 points.
8. When serving, the ball must be thrown from service box to service box diagonally. If it doesn't land in the service box it is the opposition's point.
9. There is no illegal serve (serve how you wish).

### CABARET

It's 7 p.m. on Thursday 31st March 1992 and in 30 minutes' time 5 weeks of hard work will go on public display for the first time. As the audience arrives the atmosphere amongst the crew and the cast is reaching fever pitch. People from the wardrobe department are running around with safety pins, whilst make-up artists are slapping on spot-light powder, left, right and centre. In the meantime Mrs. Green is having her third nervous breakdown since 6 o'clock!

Then, all too soon, the curtain goes up and it is time for the cast to strut their stuff, and strut it they do! Excellent performances by Polly Lister (Sally Bowles), Richard Evans (Cliff Bradshaw) and Mat White (Emcee) led to the best possible opening show. There were a few technical hitches (not even Jamie Turner is perfect!!!), but no-one seemed to notice.

The only problem with a near-perfect opening night is how to follow it? The cast answered that question by getting better and better. Saturday's performance was the best school performance I have ever seen.

Life certainly "was a cabaret" for all involved. Thanks to everyone for all their hard work - especially the stage crew and technicians who complain that they never get mentioned!

Debbie Burgess

### CHARLIE

Charlie And The Chocolate Factory was this summer's junior school production. [Summer 1992]

"Charlie", a play from the pen of the renowned Mr. K. Johnson, was hailed as a great success. But the morning after the matinee the director, Mr. K. Johnson, indicated that it hadn't gone quite as well as he hoped it might. In assembly, our publicity agent, Mr. K. Johnson, said "If you don't all buy tickets then you will be the Charlies!". He said this in a comical manner but, perhaps not surprisingly, the response was limited.

After word had spread about the excellent first night, the turnout for the second performance on the Friday was dramatic! The hall was packed and it seemed that, after all, Mr. Johnson's words had been triumphant!

Our contact on the stage (Peter Sturdey, alias Charlie Bucket himself) said to us "Behind the scenes of the play was bedlam, with the evidence of stage fright littering the area." He went on to say "The rehearsals went smoothly apart from a few minor mishaps, like when Mike Teavee's head fell off, and when the smoke bombs went off at the wrong time, filling the stage with thick black smoke, causing complete chaos!"

Overall the impression of the production was that it was a huge success, so well done to the cast, set builders, lighting teams and, of course, Mr. K. Johnson!

Adam Crossley and Chris Keen

### **FANTASTIC FACTS!!!**

In ancient Britain a man found Guilty of insulting the king's bard could be fined six cows and eight pence!!!

When he was 10 years old, Albert Einstein was told he would "never amount to much"!!!

There was once a tax on windows which influenced many people to brick up their windows!!!

Henry I introduced the yard as a unit of measurement. It was to be the distance between his nose and his outstretched thumb!!!

Albert Einstein expressed his theory of relativity like this: "If you sit with a good looking girl for an hour it seems like a minute. Sit on a hot stove for a minute and it seems like an hour - That's relativity."!!!

Diamond Jim Moran, a famous restaurant owner had a set of false teeth made of 11 carat diamonds!!!

### **HOW TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN MR. JOHNSON AND MR. JOHNSON**

With this useful little dossier, there should be no excuse for anyone to ever get their Mr. Johnsons mixed up, ever again!

NAME: Mr. K. A. Johnson

ALIASES: "TALL" Mr. Johnson, Mr. "ENGLISH" Johnson, "BIG" Mr. Johnson, "MAGIC" Johnson.

AGE: Rumoured to be between 35 and 45.

SUBJECTS: English, theatre studies, sleeveless woollen garment appreciation society.

DISTINGUISHING MARKS: Tall, Tank-tops, startling quiff.

TYPICAL SAYINGS: "This drama studio is not a thoroughfare!"

NAME: Mr. C. J. Johnson

ALIASES: Mr. "CHEMISTRY" Johnson, Mr. "NOT ENGLISH" Johnson, "LITTLE" Mr. Johnson.

AGE: State secret.

SUBJECTS: Chemistry, photography, execution of first years, torment of A-Level chemistry students.

DISTINGUISHING MARKS: Shortish, glasses, greying hair, frayed tie, tweed jacket with patches on the elbows, disconcerting grin.

TYPICAL SAYINGS: "Don't just sit there like a load of stuffed goatskins!", "Thought and chemistry are inseparable!", "Christmas? Ought to be banned!", "I'm all in favour of Good Order And Military Discipline!", etc., etc., etc.....

### **EXAM HOWLERS FROM LOWER SIXTH EXAMINATIONS!**

Try to guess which subjects produced these gems of wisdom:

- 1) A Desktop Publishing package is "...basically a publisher which sits on your desktop".
- 2) "...the rain falls into a tube in the ground and slowly powers a fan at the bottom..."
- 3) "If any of these data got out..."
- 4) "The advantages of a system like this are rampant..."
- 5) "The precipitation reading would tell us how much percentage of the water was insoluble." [??!]

### "MAD IF YOU MISSED IT!"

O.K., so "Mad If You Think I Am" may have been another Mrs. Green "four and a half weeks to cast, learn, produce, direct, put together the stage and technical side, and generally DO" type production, but it was damned good! Bearing in mind that it was so far in the dim and distant past [November 1991] that many of you won't remember a thing about it, allow me to give you a chance to re-live those marvellous moments in which you could escape your drab, wretched lives.

The play was a modern re-write of "Hamlet", set in the ganglands of 1920's America. "Hmmm", you may think, "sounds a bit dodgy!", and perhaps you are right, but for one thing....a stunning lead performance by a talented, handsome, witty, charming, and professional chap, going by the altogether stylish name of Mat White. But seriously....the cast were good, and my tremendous performance was (almost) matched by the ruthlessly talented Imogen Wade (Ophelia), the devilishly classy Shaun Coward, as well as the steaming ability of Andrew Smith, Vicky Harvey, Polly Lister, Steve Jasper and Nici Phillips. These are just a few of the particular names which spring to mind in the performance department; the entire cast was exceptional, providing an excellent basis for a production such as this.

John Kemp had this time taken slightly more of a rear seat than usual, to allow for his appearance with Andy Major in what was (in my humble opinion) the scene of the play: John and Andy appearing as Jamaican gravediggers, rapping their way through the scene! John's notable absence from the technical department was expertly covered by the wondrous Jamie Turner, who barely batted an eyelid at the prospect of working with Matt Dewsbury and Keith Vincent (a duo with the same genius of safety consciousness as Noel Edmonds' "Wheel Of Fortune" team).

All round, it was a highly satisfactory production, surely to be mimicked by future Absolute Beginners productions, so seize the opportunity....get involved, or, at least, go and see the shows! Congratulations must go primarily to Mrs. Green, for all of her hard work and energy. So a very warm "Thank You" from all of us lucky enough to work under her in "Mad If You Think I Am". Her directorship has most certainly enriched lives!

The finale of the show was when all of the cast came on stage, at the end, and sang/danced the "Black Bottom"; with the exception of myself, who simply sang "water melon" to the tune! I shall therefore conclude this article with that as a "top tip" for all chorus singers of the future.... if you've not bothered to learn the words, don't worry, by mouthing "water melon" it looks as if you do know the lyrics, whatever they are! Try it, you might like it!

Mat White

### THE MARLE HALL EXPERIENCE

Here are some tips for those in the lower part of the school to bear in mind when they go to Marle Hall, in the Fourth Year (gleaned through bitter experience, in the rain, in November 1991).

- 1: Don't be too impressed by the imposing stone facade, the sweeping drive, and the massive front doors when you arrive at Marle Hall. As soon as you see the small wooden hut known as the "geography room" you will feel that you haven't left AGS at all!
- 2: Beware the spam sandwiches.
- 3: Learn to love living inside a non-breathable, fluorescent orange plastic bag (your "waterproofs").
- 4: Beware Marian, the Scottish bursar (this will become quite obvious, anyway!).
- 5: Conquer your fear of heights, and you will enjoy the zip-wire (alias, rather disconcertingly, the "death slide"!).
- 6: Forget any notions that Mrs. Albion is a sedentary, boringly sane chemistry teacher who does nothing but drone on all day about the entropy of colloidal emulsions. If you are with Mrs. Albion for the mountain walk, you will soon discover that she is actually a clinically insane, gate-vaulting, torrent-leaping, mine-"exploring", hill-bounding, mortal danger-scorning maniac!
- 7: Conquer your fear of being suddenly plunged, chest-deep, into icy water, and having everyone laugh at you, and you will enjoy the gorge scramble.
- 8: Don't get lost on the Welsh language trail. All of the girls in the fourth-year will cry, because they think they'll never see you again.
- 9: Conquer your fear of raw potatoes, and you will enjoy the Marle Hall chips.
- 10: Beware Mr. Mickelthwaite's driving.
- 11: Do not choose dorm number four on the top floor, or you will have to endure four nights of sleeping with only a partitioning wall between yourself and three male members of staff snoring at volume.

But don't worry. Although it WILL rain, and it WILL be extremely cold, you WILL end up enjoying yourself (hey - it's better than school, isn't it?)!

### A.G.S. MUSIC COMPETITION

On Friday the 13th March (which could have been unlucky) the annual music competition was held for the pupils of Alcester Grammar School.

It was organised, as ever, by Mr. Dobell and some helpers from the 5th and 6th forms.

There were different categories running in different parts of the school:

Piano - Music Room

Strings - Lower Library

Singers - 6th Form Study

Group Performers - The Hall

The group performances had the largest audience when they performed on the stage, in the hall. These groups ranged from a first year "Oliver!" group, to a pop group from the upper school.

There was a large number of competitors from all the different years and many had brought parents and relatives along to see the competition.

After a short refreshment break the judges were ready to present the prizes. There was an easter egg for the winner of each section of the competition and a small Creme Egg for everyone who took part.

It was a very successful night - despite the date!

Claire Sowton

### SIXTH FORM PANTO 1991

Christmas 1991 was the time. Alcester Grammar School hall was the venue. Most excellent was the panto! Written and directed mainly by Gayle Cogswell and Greg Wye (with apologies to anyone else who I may have forgotten), the play charted the progress of Anneka Rice as she tore through Television Land, on some sort of quest for something or other.

Basically, "Anneka" (played by the glamorous Andy Major) went from scene to scene with her crew, looking for clues and shouting "Stop the clock!" rather a lot. I'm sure that there was actually a more significant plot than that, but it wasn't INCREDIBLY obvious at the time, and, anyway, I (as well as nearly everyone else who saw or was in the panto) have now forgotten it!

The main reason for such an influential and important piece of modern-day theatre being forgotten is the presence of one particular scene which completely distracted the viewers' attention from the rest of the show..... the Hoodies! This, in essence, was a row of sixth form "lads" in tights explaining, in poetic form, what they would be if they were not Hoodies (who were Robin Hood's merry men, if memory serves!). The piece de resistance of this amazing scene was Richard Pennington announcing to everyone:

"If I were not a Hoodie,  
I'll tell you what I'd be,  
If I were not a Hoodie,  
A Frenchman I would be.....  
Oui, tres bien, Monsieur, a hon-he-hon-he-hon"

....whilst wearing blue and white Y-fronts with braces and, of course, a beret! Good one Rich! Ever thought of becoming a Conservative M.P.? (No offence intended to any fans of the late Stephen Milligan, M.P.!)

So, in brief, the panto of '91 was a dramatic masterpiece!

Mat White

### SENIOR PREFECTS 1992/93

Head Boy	- Richard Pennington
Deputy	- Matthew White
Head Girl	- Imogen Wade
Deputy	- Mel Short

### OUT-RAG-EOUS!

That time again! Time to produce a figure larger than last year's total, have a stack of fun, and all under the guise of collecting money for charity. The committee for 1992 was chaired by Gayle Cogswell, other members being Emma Worsnop, Katy Snoswell, Mat White and Imy Wade, who came up with the Rag Week theme of children's television. Children's T.V., you might think, is surely quite safe? Alas no! Even something as innocent as The Magic Roundabout was turned into an instrument of terror, as the Rag-float trundled around the streets of Alcester, followed by a mob of sixth-formers dressed as television characters, rattling tins and demanding money [for charity! ed.].

The "teenage mutant hero turtles" made an appearance as The Hit Squad, and rubbed such unmentionable things into people's hair (including my own!) that, henceforth, a strange, dual-bucketed, gallows-like gunging machine is to be used!

Although nobody was quite sure as to how they related to children's T.V., this year saw the arrival of what shall surely become a stalwart pillar of future years' Rag Weeks: the Pixies! These lovable rogues ran (and skipped!) around the school in pointy green hats with bells on, being paid to annoy people. They then required suitable bribes from the poor pestered individuals to leave them alone! (chortle, chortle) A startlingly good way of raising money (even if I do say so myself!).

Anyway, the target figure was reached! Despite the recession (why do people always harp on about that?) we raised more than in any previous year, and had a good time as well. Many thanks to all those who helped, and to everyone who gave so generously (creep, creep, etc. etc.).

(P.S. Watch out! The Pixies will return!....)

Mat White

### SCHOOL REGISTER, 1991-1992

WELCOME, Autumn 1991-Summer 1992

Jane King, Clare Gough, Sebastian Bak, Lisa Ballinger (all to L6), Thomas Johnson and Jessica Smith (to 2S)

WELCOME, September 1992

1M : Samantha Agar, Steven Barrett, Jeniene Boots, Colin Buckle, James Cooke, Richard Corbishley, Wendy Curtis, Helen Davey, Abigail Davies, Thomas Edkins, Toby Gourlay, Claire Hancox, William Johnson, Rebbecca Kendry, Rebbecca Key, Hana Marshall, Rory Mooney, Vaishali Nathan, Angelique Poland, Katie Popplewell, Timothy Port, Alan Powell, Stephen Prickett, Holly Rowlatt, Samuel Shearn, Matthew Smith, Gemma Stacey, Rachael Stevens, Alexandra Weatherall, Jonathon Williams, Abbey Wright.

1S : Joanna Bennett, Alexander Bradburn, Zoe Evans, Samuel Grinsted, Colette Haden, Kirsten Harris, Zowie Hay, Jonathan Higgs, Natalie Horsfield, Jeffrey Jones, Alan Law, Kelly Lowden, Thomas Luxton, Lynsey McFarlane, Stephen McLaren, Christopher McVeigh, Jason O'Korafor, Abbi Prince, Kate Robertson, Caroline Rolfe, John Rose, Kate Saunders, Kate Sergeant,



James Thomson, Sean Tilley, Emily Villis, Elizabeth Wakeling, Tia Wightman, Richard Wilson, Aleksander Wyspianski.

L6 : David Bell, Philip Bennett, Martin Firth, Emma-Louise Harper, Timothy Jarmy, Michelle Kent, Sarah Knight, Simon Lloyd, Caroline Lock, Nicola Masefield, Louise Pittaway, Ian Rochester, Lindsey Scarfe, Hazel Shore, Emma Shrimpton, Ann Taylor, Rachael Towers and Peter Willcock (from Studley High School).  
Sundeep Dhillon, Ben Freeman, Judith Glass, Matthew Green, Simeon Reaney and Malcolm Wood (from Alcester High School)  
Alistair Brewin, James Daffern and Laura Middleton (from Ardenhurst School).  
Christina Hancock, Emma Hatcher and Stephanie Newman (from Abbey High School).  
Elizabeth Jefferies and Victoria Parish (from St. Joseph's School).  
Peter Austing and Jason Innes (from Kineton High School).  
Charles Felgate and James Houghton (from KES, Stratford).  
Marianne Hill (from Wroxall Abbey School).  
Tracy Bradshaw, Rachel Field, Jennie Harrison, Faye Hatcher, Richard Rugg and Spencer Valentine (from St. Benedict's High School).  
Toni Allen, Fleur Astbury, Timothy Bull, Caroline Owen, Sam Shaw, Nicholas Smith and Sarah-Jane Walker (from Henley High School).  
Edward Einsiedler, James Hale and Richard Martin (all from Warwick Boys' School). Katherine Davies, Elizabeth O'Dwyer and Elizabeth Symmons, (all from Shottery GS for Girls).  
Alexander Philips (from Uppingham School).  
Guy Brinton (from St. Augustine's R C High School, Redditch).  
Amanda Hollingsworth (from Bridley Moor High School, Redditch).  
Hermione Green (from Kingsley School).

FAREWELL, Autumn 1991-Summer 1992 Sian Evans (L6)

FAREWELL, July 1992

Fifth Form Leavers:

Benjamin Bryan, David Gardner, James Henderson, Simon Kirk, Anne Cooper, Alison Downie, Kate Murphy, Kathryn Pegg, Claire Tomecek.

U6CRS:

Daniel Couldrey, Andrew Gilfrin, Luke Heynes, Stephen Miles, Sarah Butterell, Kirsty Fenlon, Denise Ritchie, Julie Udall, Emma Worsnop

U6DCM:

James Bailey, Charles Hunt, Ian Kember, Daniel Woodhouse, Vicki Bartholomew, Helen Gough, Helen Newbrook, Rachael Tither

U6CPK:

Paul Ashby, James Coombes, Nicola Danks, Phillippa Dunnage, Louise Dyke, Kate Head, Miranda Swinn.

U6LES:

Matthew Edwards, Barrie Gill, Christopher Stevens, Louise Norris, Laura Pugh.

U6MT:

David Allard, Richard Evans, John Kemp, Jared Whitehouse, Gregory Wye, Charlotte Christison, Caroline Jones, Louise Kenney, Kerry Latham.

U6PDB:

John Bowen, Ben Boxall, Huw Davies, Henry Howells, Matthew Wakelam, Rachel Serafin.

U6CJJ:

Johnnie Chan, David Charlton, Jonathon Cooper, Andrew Major, Stuart Miller, Ryszard Olejniczak, Danielle Palmer, Winnie Parker, Susan Roberts.

U6MEA:

James Clark, Mark Howes, Tony Taggart, Carol Ashworth, Sopic Corbett, Ania Grzesik, Anna Jarmy, Zoe Speakman, Clare Tyas.

U6KAJ:

Steven Brewer, Luke Fox, Darren Rees, Stuart Stokes, Gayle Cogswell.

U6JMW:

Adrian Bates, Marcus Bremner-Smith, Anthony Burman, Michael Burton, Thomas Sidwell, Karen Dyer, Joanne Ireland, Sharon Ley, Annabelle Maguire.

U6RFD:

Andrew Crompton, Robin Green, Craig Millard, William Smerdon, Christina O'Dell, Kathryn Pearson, Gwen Thomas, Rachel Walker.

U6GRW:

Ian Clark, Andrew Easthope, Stuart Staples, Philip Steele, Iain Thompson, Roland White, Georgina Haywood, Sarah Hill, Emma Pinches.

U6CEMB:

Andrew Brain, Nicola Ankcorn, Sally Bohemia, Emma Goldby, Kathrine Hopkins, Joanna Mumford, Charmian Salisbury, Emma Talbot, Sofie Wardle.

#### LEAVERS AND THEIR DESTINATIONS, 1991-92

David Allard (Cellular & Molecular Pathology at Bristol Univ), Nikki Ankcorn (HITEC in Science & Technology, Coventry Poly), Paul Ashby (Communication Studies, Poly of Wales), Carol Ashworth (Fine Art, Grimsby FE College), James Bailey (A level Science, Geog & Env Studies, SWCFE), Adrian Bates (HND Business & Finance, NE Wales Inst), Sally Bohemia (Re-sits, Mander College Camb.), Benjamin Boxall (Maths with Comp Studies, Leicester Univ), John Bowen (Seeking employment), Andy Brain (Physics & Electronics Eng, Bangor Univ), Marcus Bremner-Smith (Re-takes, SWCFE), Anthony Burman (Retakes, SWCFE), Michael Burton (Eng & Bus Studies, Sheffield Poly), Sarah Butterell (History, Hull Univ), Johnny Chan (Maths & Computer Studies, Bath Univ), David Charlton (Retakes, AGS), Charlotte Christison (Integrated Engineering, Manchester Poly), Ian Clark (Rural Land Management, Cirencester), James Clark (Computer Studies, Aberystwyth Univ.), Gayle Cogswell (English, Leeds Univ), James Coombes (Deferring application till 1993), Jonathon Cooper (Chemistry, St. John's College, Oxford), Sophie Corbett (Physical Ed., Cheltenham & Gloucester),

Daniel Couldrey (Physical Ed., Newcastle Poly.), Andrew Crompton (Civil Eng. with Comp. St., Luton Coll.), Nicola Danks (BSc. with Law, Nene Coll.), Hugh Davies (Astrophysics, Cardiff Univ.), Carl Davies (Bus. and Mgmt Studies, Nottingham Poly.), Valerie Derave (Para-medic course), Philippa Dunnage (LLB Law, Warwick), Karen Dyer (Tourism, Cardiff Inst. H. Ed.), Louise Dyke (Law, Cambridge), Andrew Easthope (Accountancy and Finance, Middlesex Poly.), Matthew Edwards (Chemistry, Liverpool), Richard Evans (Engineering, St. Hugh's College, Oxford), Kirsty Fenlon (Retakes, AGS), Luke Fox (Earth Sciences, Kingston Poly.), Andrew Gilfrin (Business and Innovation, Staffs. Poly.), Barrie Gill (Combined General Course, Lancashire Poly.), Emma Goldby (B.Ed. with English, Chelt. and Gloustr. Coll.), Helen Gough (3 new A-Levels, MWCFE), Robin Green (Elec. Eng. and Comp. St., Univ. Coll. London), Ania Grzesik (Art Foundation Course, Chelt. and Gloustr. Coll.), George Hayward (Art Foundation Course, MWCFE), Kate Head (Medicine, Queen Mary & Westfield, Univ. of London), Luke Haynes (Comb. English and Media St., Plymouth Poly.), Sarah Hill (Re-takes, MWCFE), Katherine Hopkins (English and American St., Keele), Henry Howells (Art Foundation, MWFCE), Mark Howes (Destination Unknown), Charles Hunt (Industrial Biology, Camborne School of Mining), Jo Ireland (Medicine, Birmingham), Anna Jarmy (German, Nottingham), Caroline Jones (employed at Concept Design, Stratford-Upon-Avon), Ian Kember (Chemistry, East Anglia), John Kemp (Engineering, Leicester), Lousie Kenney (Sociology/ Soc. Policy Adm., Birmingham), Kerry Latham (English, Kings Coll. London), Sam Lawley (Veterinary Science, Liverpool), Sharon Ley (Destination Unknown), Annabelle Maguire (B.Ed with English, Newman & Westhill Birmingham Poly.), Andrew Major (applying 1993 for B.Sc. Medicine), Ian Mclean (Graphic Art, Newcastle Poly.), Stephen Miles (Leisure with Bus. Mgmt., North Cheshire College of H.Ed.), Craig Millard (Accountancy Foundation, Nottingham Poly.), Stuart Miller (Biochemistry, Royal Holloway Coll., Univ. of London), Jo Mumford (B.Ed with English, La Sainte College Southampton Univ.), Helen Newbrook (AGS, Retakes), Louise Norris (Psychology, Sheffield Poly.), Christina O'Dell (Geography, Manchester), Ryszard Olejniczak (B.A. Computer St. & Geography, Coventry Poly.), Danielle Palmer (Chemical Engineering, Imperial College, Univ. of London), Winnie Parker (Electronic Engineering, Birmingham), Kate Pearson (deferred entry until 1993), Emma Pinches (Geography, Manchester Poly.), Laura Pugh (Art foundation course, MWFCE), Darren Rees (HND Bus. and Computing, Leicester Poly.), Denise Ritchie (HND Bus. and Finance, NEW College), Sue Roberts (Mathematics, Birmingham), Charmian Salisbury (Geography, Lancashire Poly.), Rachel Serafin (deferred application), Thomas Sidwell (Resits, Worcester Coll.), William Smerdon (Re-takes, MWCFE), Zoe Speakman (Psychology, Sheffield), Stuart Staples (History, Southampton), Philip Steele (Electronic eng., Bradford), Christopher Stevens (Environmental St., Sunderland Poly.), Stuart Stokes (Leisure and Tourism, MWCFE), Miranda Swinn (Institutional Mgmt., Nottingham Poly.), Tony Taggart (Applied Physics, Manchester Poly.), Emma Talbot (1993 entry to Chelt. and Gloucs. Coll. of H.E., B.Ed), Gwen Thomas (Music, Kings College, Univ of London), Iain Thompson (McTimmony Chiropractic Cert. in

Chiropractic School, Oxford), Rachel Tither (HND Bus. Management, Chelt. & Gloucs. Coll.), Clare Tyas (Art Foundation, MWCFE), Julie Udall (HND Bus. Studies, Huddersfield Poly.), Matthew Wakelam (B.Eng. Minerals Technology, Camborne School of Mining), Martin Walker (HND Comp. Studies, Huddersfield Poly.), Rachel Walker (Media Studies, Luton Coll.), Ruth Walsh (Medicine, Charing Cross Univ. of London), Sophie Wardle (Language Studies, South Bank Poly.), James Watts (returned to USA), Roland White (1993 entrance to Portsmouth Poly., Maths with Mgmt. Studies), Jared Whitehouse (LLB Law, Wolverhampton Poly.), Emma Worsnop (Sociology with Media Studies, City Univ.), Gregory Wye (Fine Art, MWCFE)

## OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS

### EXAMINATION RESULTS 1992

Dominic Hurley (1980-87) has been awarded the degree of MSc at the London School of Economics. James Couchman (1980-87) has been awarded the degree of BA Class 2(i) in French & Technology at the University of Kent. Elizabeth Wood (1982-89) has been awarded the degree of BA Class 2(i) in Social & Political Science at the University of Cambridge. Richard McCarthy (1978-85) has been awarded the degree of MSc in Energy Systems at the University of Glasgow. Phillipa Wood (1984-88) has been awarded the degree of BA Class 2(i) in French & German at the University of Keele. Roger Payne (1982-89) has been awarded the degree of BSc Class 2(ii) in Computer Studies at the University of Loughborough. David Lee (1986-89) has been awarded the degree of BA Class 2(i) in Landscape Architecture at the University of Leeds. Robert Turner (1982-87) has been awarded the degree of BA Class 1 in Mathematics at the University of Oxford. Phillipa Holloway (1982-89) has been awarded the degree of BEng Class 2(ii) in Civil Engineering at Cranfield Institute of Technology. Stephen Day (1981-88) has been awarded the degree of BA Class 2(i) in Performing Arts at Brighton University. Susan Tandy (1987-89) has been awarded the degree of BSc Class 2(i) in Chemistry at the University of Cardiff. Lili Clarke (1985-87) has been awarded the degree of BEng Class 2(ii) in Civil Engineering at the University of Surrey. Kate McClellan (1981-88) has been awarded the degree of BA Class 2(i) in Banking Finance at the University of Loughborough. Jane Duggan (1981-88) has been awarded the degree of BA Class 1 in Education at the University of Warwick. Toby Lenehan (1981-88) has been awarded the degree of BSc Class 1 in Geology at Royal Holloway and the New Bedford College in the University of London. Nigel Green (1986-89) has been awarded the degree of BA Class 2(ii) in Geography at the University of Plymouth. Neil Morland (1982-89) has been awarded the degree of BSc Class 2(i) in Geography at the University of Loughborough. Maria Beckett (1987-89) has been awarded the degree of BSc Class 2(i) in Chemistry at the University of York. Elizabeth Hammond (1982-89) has been awarded the degree of BA Class 2(ii) in Combined Studies at the University of Nottingham. Penny Turnbull (1985-87) has been awarded the degree of BA Class 1 in International Politics and German at the University of Reading. Ingrid Elliott has been awarded the degree of BDS at the University of Liverpool.

# OTHER NEWS

Nicholas Strain (1974-81) is now an Air Traffic Engineer Class 1 with the National Air Traffic Services Unit of the C.A.A. at Gatwick where he is in charge of maintenance of Radar and Control Systems. Lisa Larnar (1983-89) is to go to Brunel University to read for a BSc in Mathematics. Mair Hughes (1976-83) has been admitted a Member of the Royal College of General Practitioners. Simon Crick (1977-85) is now a Member of the Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy.

## EXAMINATION RESULTS, SUMMER 1992

### RESULTS ACHIEVED BY UPPER 6th:

#### GCE Advanced level

Subject	Entries	A	B	C	D	E	N	U	N/A
Art with	13	6	3	2	1	1			
Art Hist.									
Biology	16	1	4	1	3	2	4	1	
Chemistry	23	6	4	3	6		3		1
Physics	31	5	4	6	4	4	6	1	1
Economics	27	2	3	8	4	6	1	3	
English	30	5	5	5	5	5	3	2	
French	17	2	2	7	2	2	2		
Geography	30	5	1	10	6	6	1	1	
German	7	2	1	1	3				
History	10	5		1	1	1	2		
Maths	38	9	2	6	3	6	4	8	
F.Maths	4	1		2	1				
Music	1					1			
Nutrition & Food	4	1	1	2					
Th.Music	1		1						
Th.Studies	8		2	3	1		2		
TOTAL	260	50	33	57	40	34	28	16	2
Gen.Stds.	41		5	8	12	4	9	3	
TOTAL	301	50	38	65	52	38	37	19	2

Pass Rate excluding General Studies (candidates enter G.S. without tuition) is 84%

#### GCE Advanced-Supplementary

Subject	Entries	A	B	C	D	E	N	U	N/A
Art and Des.	4			1	1	1	1		
Computing	8			1	2	3	2		
Design & Technology	4			1	1	1	1		
Economics	3			1		2			
English Lit	1				1				
Electronics	8	1	1	3	1	1	1		
Financial Accounting	1			1					
French	5	2		2			1		
German	2				1		1		
Geography (Human)	6		3	1	1				1
Geography (Nat. Env.)	5				1	3	1		

Subject	Entries	A	B	C	D	E	N	U	N/A
Geology	9		1	2	3	2	1		
History	2					1		1	
Mathematics	14		1	1	3	5	3	1	
Practical	2			1	1				
Music									
Statistics	3	1				1	1		
TOTAL	77	4	6	15	16	20	13	2	1

#### RESULTS ACHIEVED BY YEAR 11:

##### G.C.S.E.

Subject	Entries	A	B	C	D	E	F	U	N/A
English	64	16	29	16	3				
English Lit.	62	16	22	24					
Mathematics	64	21	26	17					
Science	128	22	48	52	6				
(Double Award)									
History	37	8	16	9	4				
Geography	57	18	17	12	9	1			
French	54	25	14	11	3	1			
German	31	14	9	6	1	1			
Home Economics	18	5	8	3	2				
Art & Design	25	13	6	4	2				
Music	12	8	3	1					
Design Tech.	20	3	6	9	2				
TOTAL	572	169	204	164	32	3			

#### GAMES RESULTS, 1991-1992

##### CRICKET

1st XI	Played 4		Captain : Mark Howes
U15 XI	Played 4	Won 2	Captain : Matthew Gwynn
U14 XI	Played 3	Won 1	Captain : Brett Green
U13 XI	Played 5	Won 3	Captain : Matthew Hickman
U12 XI	Played 3		Captain : Ben Joyce
Matt Gwynn played for Warwickshire.			

##### RUGBY

1st XV	Played 9	Won 3	Captain : Ian Clarke
U15 XV	Played 6	Won 4	Captain : Richard Evans
U14 XV	Played 6	Won 1	Captain : Tom Heneghan
U13 XV	Played 5	Won 1	Captain : Chris Beckley
U12 XV	Played 3		Captain : Steve Haynes
Richard Evans, Yu-Ming Chan, Matt Gwynn (U15) and Tom Heneghan (U14) all played for South/Mid Warwickshire rugby teams.			

## FOOTBALL

1st XI	Played 10	Won 2	Drew 6	Captain : Jim Bailey
U16 XI	Played 4	Won 1		Captain : Mark Lardner
U15 XI	Played 1			Captain : David Baker
U14 XI	Played 3	Won 1		Captain : Adam Tither
U13 XI	Played 3	Won 1		Captain : John Carrivick

The U14 team won the Alcester police schools' 5-a-side tournament, and were runners-up in the South/Mid Warwickshire 6-a-side tournament.

## GIRLS' HOCKEY

1st XI	Played 13	Won 5	Drew 3	Captain : Sophie Corbett
2nd XI	Played 4	Won 2	Drew 1	Captain : Charlotte Christianson
U16 XI	Played 11	Won 6	Drew 2	Captain : Emma Cooper
U15 XI	Played 12	Won 6	Drew 2	Captain : Daisy Newey
U14 XI	Played 9		Drew 4	Captain : Nikki Prior
U13 XI	Played 10	Won 6	Drew 1	Captains : Suzie Hales and Alison Snoswell
U12 XI	Played 2	Won 1		

The U15 "A" team won an indoor tournament. Sophie Corbett and Mel Short played for the county U18 2nd XI. Faye Marchant, Jo Lisle, Lisa Pennells, Lucy Corbett and Emma Cooper played for the county U16 2nd XI. Natalie Dean reached the final trials stage for the county U14 XI.

## ROUNDERS

1st IX	Played 2	Won 1		Captains: Various
U16 IX	Played 4	Won 3		Captain : Emma Cooper
U15 IX	Played 5	Won 4		Captain : Daisy Newey
U14 IX	Played 6	Won 5		Captain : Yasmin Juned
U13 IX	Played 4	Won 2		Captain : Alison Snoswell
U12 1st IX	Played 5	Won 3	Drew 1	Captain : Bryony Taylor
U12 2nd IX	Played 2	Won 2		Captain : Rachael Steele

The U13 team won the South Warwickshire Schools' Tournament.

## NETBALL

The netball teams played some 34 matches, winning 18 of them. The U15 1st VII (captained by Dawn Davies) won the Alcester Police Schools' Tournament. The U13 1st VII came second in the same competition.

## ATHLETICS

Nadine Stone was selected for Warwickshire, and also finished second in a Midland area multi-events meeting. Stuart Staples, Matthew Dewsbury, Mel Short and Beccy Martin were all selected to run for Warwickshire in the All England Schools Cross Country Running meeting.

## SWIMMING

Adele Hughes (VI Form) and Chris Beckley (2M) represented Warwickshire, and were awarded school colours.

## FENCING

The school fencing team played one match, which was manfully drawn.

## TENNIS

The school tennis teams played a total of 11 matches, winning 8 of them, and drawing 1 other. The U13 league team won the area round of the Midland Bank Tournament.

## SCHOOL TENNIS TOURNAMENTS

AGS Open Tennis Tournament	:	Winner, Adrian Bates Runner Up, Paul Berry
Junior Boys' Tennis Tournament	:	Winner, Stuart Dewsbury Runner Up, Adam Tither
AGS Girls' Open Tennis Tournament	:	Winner, Mel Short Runner Up, Claire Robbie
Junior Girls' Tennis Tournament	:	Winner, Olivia Powis Runner Up, Becky Mooney

## MIXED HOCKEY

The VI Form and U16 teams played a total of 5 matches, and had notable success in winning all 5!

## SPORTS DAY RESULTS 1992

A summary of the results is given below. An asterisk denotes the establishment of a new record.

### JUNIOR BOYS

1st Form 100m	:	I. Hickman (S), B. Joyce (N), M. Seeney (W)
2nd Form 100m	:	M. Henderson (N), J. Carrivick (N), R. Anthony (W)
200m	:	I. Hickman (S), D. Hartwell (N), A. Crossley (W)
400m	:	M. Hickman (S), M. Henderson (N), A. Bailey (W)
800m	:	P. Powell (W), I. Stevens (S), C. Rawlings (N)
1500m	:	J. Bowler* (S), A. Bailey (W), R. Clayton (S)
4x100m "A"	:	Spencer, Wells, Newport
4x100m "B"	:	Spencer, Newport, Wells
Long jump	:	M. Henderson (N), J. Carrivick (N), R. Clayton (S)
High jump	:	J. Bowler (S), I. Stevens (S), M. Seeney (W)
Shot	:	C. Beckley (S), R. Slanford (W), R. Applin (N)
Discus	:	M. Hickman (S), C. Kerr (N), A. Crossley (W)
Javelin	:	S. Haynes (S), M. Carter (S), T. Coles (W)
Cricket Ball	:	A. Bailey (W), K. Harris (W), S. Haynes (S)

### INTERMEDIATE BOYS

3rd Form 100m	:	J. Bingham (N), S. Bugden (S), M. Newbrook (W)
4th Form 100m	:	J. Horn (S), J. Pinfield (N), Y-M. Chan (N)
200m	:	R. Evans (N), B. Allard (N), J. Morgan (S)
400m	:	M. Gwynn (W), J. Bingham (N), J. Morgan (S)
800m	:	D. Baker (W), A. Hayden (W), S. Bugden (S)
1500m	:	D. Baker (W), A. Haden (W), S. Bartholomew (N)
4x100m "A"	:	Newport, Spencer, Wells
4x100m "B"	:	Wells, Spencer, Newport



## SENIOR BOYS

## JUNIOR GIRLS

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS

Long jump : J. Newby (W), N. Dean (S), R. Sheldon (N)  
High jump : M. Stanley (W), K. Chisholm (S), 3)=D. Davies (S)  
3)=Y. Juned (W)  
Shot : E. Huckell (N), Z. Morgan (S), J. Cooper (W)  
Discus : J. Cooper (W), N. Dean (S), S. Jeffery (N)  
Javelin : S. Burgess (S), M. Sapanidis (W), J. Snowsell (N)

## SENIOR GIRLS

100m : J. Preston-Mafham (S), J. Bennett (W), C. Bishton (N)  
200m : N. Stone (S), M. Short (S), C. Robbie (W)  
800m : B. Martin (N), M. Short (S), K. Snoswell (N)  
4x100m : Spencer, Wells, Newport

Long jump : N. Stone (S), J. Kilby (S), Y. Pain (W)  
High jump : N. Stone (S), I. Wade (W), K. Morley (N)  
Shot : D. Burgess (S), L. Lidsey (N), N. Ankcorn (N)  
Javelin : J. Kilby (S), K. Pegg (N), S. Ladbury (W)  
Discus : J. Ryder (S), Y. Pain (W), L. Corbett (S)

## ADDITIONAL EVENT (all years)

8x100m : Spencer, Newport, Wells  
(3 legged)

## VICTOR LUDORUM CUP

Junior : Martin Henderson (Newport)  
Inter : David Baker (Wells) & Brett Allard (Newport)  
Senior : Keith Vincent (Newport) & Shaun Coward (Spencer)

## VICTRIX LUDORUM CUP

Junior : Mary Harries (Wells)  
Inter : Lisa Pennells (Spencer)  
Senior : Nadine Stone (Spencer)

BOYS' ATHLETICS CUP : Spencer  
GIRLS' ATHLETICS CUP : Spencer  
SPORTS SHIELD : Spencer

## THE HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP SHIELD

This competition was decided, as ever, by an impressive number of different sporting activities, running throughout all three terms of the year 1991-1992. Old members of the school will not be too surprised to read that the results were:

1st : Spencer (185 points)  
2nd : Newport (155 points)  
3rd : Wells (143 points)

It will certainly be an historic event when the Spencer house captains are not the ones called forward to collect the enormous trophy at the end of the year!

### CONGRATULATIONS

To: Steven Wasley, Liz White, Jo Snoswell, Hannah Harrison and David Selby who were the "Mini-enterprise" winners with their team "The Lunch Box".

To: Ruth Westbury, Andrew Steele, Richard Pennington and Kerry Price who all qualified for the Bronze Award under the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

### STAFF NEWS

First the Leavers. Mr. Maund left us after 25 years at the school. After Ludlow Grammar School and City of Worcester Training College, he taught at John Willmot Grammar School, a mixed school in Sutton Coldfield, before coming to us in 1967. Since then he endeared himself to Staff and Students alike with his unfailingly friendly manner and helpful approach to everything. We are sorry to see him go, and hope that he will enjoy his retirement as he describes.

Mrs. Davies also left at the end of the summer term 1992. She came to A.G.S. in 1974 after teaching at Richard Bedford School in Sutton Coldfield. Before that she was training at Madeley College of Education. She arrived at A.G.S. in 1974 and has been a pillar of the community ever since. Staff and Students alike will miss her greatly, and wish her well in caring for her new family.

Mrs. Grant left after two years with us - partly as a part-time teacher, but also as acting Head of the Home Economics when Mrs. Davies was absent on adoptive leave. She came to us from Woodrush High School. Before that she was at Greville High School.

Mrs. Turner, our part-time librarian left us in July for a full-time post at Studley High School. She joined us in 1984 and our best wishes go to her in her new appointment.

Mr. Cutts comes to A.G.S. to be Head of Design & Technology. After study at West Sussex College of Art and Design, he studied for his BEd at Crewe & Alsager College.

Mrs. Gregory comes to us as a part-time Home Economics teacher. Previously at Bournville School, she took time out to bring up her family. Recently she acted as an examiner for G.C.S.E. examinations.

Mrs. Bovey has become Head of Home Economics in place of Mrs. Davies. She too has been a part-time teacher while bringing up her family and is a G.C.S.E. examiner. She trained at Leeds Polytechnic and Leeds University.

The Art Department has been joined by two part-time teachers with varied experience beyond the world of education. Mr. Martin has worked in graphic, interior and print design as well as fashion drawing, exhibition design and art direction of photography. Mrs. Hulton has exhibited as an artist in South Africa and Britain and has worked as a university lecturer and in adult as well as school education. She has recently worked in several Warwickshire schools as an artist in residence.

